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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: MONTHLY DEVELOPMENTS REPORT - ARGENTINA 7/73

1. EMBASSY NARCOTICS ACTION COMMITTEE FOR MOST PART INACTIVE DURING MONTH SINCE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT IN STATE OF FLUX AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE UNTIL NEW NATIONAL ELECTION IN SEPTEMBER AND FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT. EMBASSY COMMITTEES DEVELOPMENT OF PROAGS FOR SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT TO ARGENTINE AGENCIES SUSPENDED UNTIL NEW GOVERNMENT FORMED

IT THE OPINION OF EXECSEC OF CONATON(COMISION NACIONAL DE TOXICOMANIAS

Y NARCOTICOS) THAT THERE WILL BE LITTLE OR NO CHANGES IN CONATON OTHER THAN MEMBERSHIP MAKE-UP. HE CONFIRMS THAT NEXT MEETING OF OUR BI-NATIONAL COMMISSION IMPOSSIBLE BEFORE OCTOBER.

2. EMBASSY ACTIVITY FOR MONTH REVOLVED PRIMARILY AROUND ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAINING SCHOOL FOR GENDARMERIA NACIONAL (BORDER PATROL) OFFICERS AUGUST 14, 15 AND 16.

3. ARGENTINE FEDERAL COURT DENIED ON JULY 16 EMBASSY REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION OF MAJOR NARCOTICS VIOLATOR MICHEL RUSSO ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS AND ORDERED HIS RELEASE. ON EMBASSY REQUEST, CASE APPEALED BUT WE HAVE LITTLE HOPE FOR SUCCESS. NOTWITHSTANDING APPEAL RUSSO RELEASED ON OWN RECOGNIZANCE.

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4. MAJOR OFFENDER FRANCOIS CHAIPPE WHO WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON UNDER VERY QUESTIONABLE CIRCUMSTANCES ON MAY 25TH (INAUGURATION DAY FOR PRESIDENT CAMPORA) ALLEGEDLY UNDER AMNESTY LAW PUSHED THROUGH CONGRESS ON THAT DATE, NOW BEING SOUGHT AS A FUGITIVE. GOVERNMENT SAYS IT INVESTIGATING HOW RELEASE COULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS STILL NOT KNOWN.

5. FEDERAL POLICE SEIZED ON JULY 12 NEARLY THREE KILOGRAMS COCAINE BELIEVED DESTINED FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION. ARREST MADE ON BASIS INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY DEA/BARO AND TURNED OVER TO FEDERAL POLICE.

6. ON JULY 25 FEDERAL POLICE AT TUCUMAN MADE A 7 KILOGRAM SEIZURE OF COCAINE ALSO BELIEVED DESTINED FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION. BASED ON INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY AND WITH ASSISTANCE OF DEA/BARO. POLICE WERE ABLE MAKE SEIZURE AND TWO ARRESTS. FEDERAL POLICE OF THE OPINION THIS TYPE ACTION POINTS UP NEED FOR FEDERAL POLICE HAVE COUNTRY-WIDE AUTHORITY IN NARCOTICS MATTERS.
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